

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are pending in the application, with Claim 1 being independent. Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. More specifically, the Examiner stated that the specification does not provide a method to form a planar liquid crystalline organic layer that has plural regions which are in the same plane and have different electro-conductivities, or different alignment states of liquid crystal molecules. All rejections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the amendment to Claim 1. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that the artisan would have found that the specification provides support for a method for forming a planar liquid crystalline organic layer with the above-noted features at least at page 12, lines 4-10 and that the claims would be clear in view of the same. Withdrawal of the § 112 rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under § 102(a) over EP 1083613 (Okada et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, inter alia, that, with the planar liquid crystalline organic layer and the organic luminescence layer as recited, the planar liquid crystalline organic layer has plural regions which are on at least one of the electrodes and have different electroconductivities, and the organic luminescence layer emits luminescences by receiving charges supplied by the plural regions of the planar liquid crystalline organic layer having

different electroconductivities, said different electroconductivities are effected by changing an alignment state of liquid crystal molecules in the planar liquid crystalline organic layer.

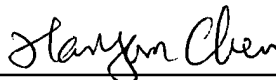
However, Applicants respectfully submit that Okada et al. does not disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claim 1.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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